IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification on page 4 by amending the paragraph in lines 11 to 24 to read as follows:

--For supporting the two monoliths, 3, 4 in the housing 2, a common bearing mat 5 is provided, which is arranged radially between the monoliths 3, 4, and the housing 2. The bearing mat ~~4~~ 5 comprises a heat-resistant material and encases both monoliths 3, 4 on their circumferences. When installed, both monoliths 3, 4, are braced radially over their common bearing ~~mater~~ mat 5 on the housing 2. The bearing mat ~~2~~ 5 serves on the one hand for thermal insulation of the housing 2 relative to the monoliths 3, 4. On the other hand, the impact-sensitive monoliths 3, 4, which typically are made from a brittle ceramic, are embedded softly in the bearing mat 5. In other words, vibrations of the multi-bed catalyzer 1, which can occur in operation, are damped by the bearing mat 5.--

Please amend the Specification by amending the bottom paragraph on Page 5, which also includes the top two lines on Page 6 to read as follows:

--The distancing elements 9 are formed here, such that they have a T-shaped axial cross section (see Fig. 1). Basically, other desired, suitable cross sections are possible, for example, an L-shaped cross section. In particular, with an L-shaped or with a T-shaped cross section, as shown here, each distancing element 9 has a distancing section 10 and a retaining section 11. The distancing elements 9 are thereby arranged radially outward on the monoliths 3, 4, whereby the respective distancing section 10 extends radially inward axially between the monoliths 3, 4. The distancing sections 10 affect therewith the maintenance of the desired minimal distance between the two monoliths 3, 4. ~~IN~~ In contrast thereto, the retaining sections 11 each connected to an associated distancing section 10 and overlap both monoliths 3, 4 radially outward in the axial direction with a T-shaped cross section and with an L-shaped cross section, only one of the monoliths 3, 4. The retaining sections 11, therefore, are dimensioned such that they contact the housing 2 radially, so that the monoliths 3, 4 are supported radially on the housing 2 in the area of the gap 8, also by means of the retaining sections 11 of the distancing elements 9.--

Please amend the Specification by amending the bottom paragraph on Page 7 and including the top three lines on Page 8, to read as follows:

--The ~~column~~ gap 8 between the two monoliths that is made available with the aid of the distancing elements 9, and in consideration of its dimensions, can be required for a selected type of use, for example, for an exhaust probe 14, which is designated in Fig. 1 by a non-continuous line. Such an exhaust probe 14 can operate, for example, as an oxygen probe, which can be used in the frame of a so-called "on-board diagnosis". For receiving such an exhaust probe 14, the multi-bed catalyzer 1 is equipped here with a suitable pivoting connection 15, which is secured to the housing 2 in the area of the gap 8, in particular, by welding. In order to simplify the attachment of the pivoting connection 15 to the housing 2, a flat plateau 16 can be formed on the housing 2 in the area of the ~~column~~ gap 8, on which the pivoting connection 15 attaches with a flat front side and can be connected with the housing 2, in particular, by means of a fillet weld. With this embodiment, the bearing mat 5 has a suitable recess 17 in the form of a radial opening in the area of the pivoting connection 15. The exhaust probe 14 radially projects into this recess 17. The recess 17 makes possible an ordered operation of the exhaust probe 14.--